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SENSITIVE OPERATIONS COMPLEX

BELEV, USSR

1. BELEV SENSITIVE OPERATIONS COMPLEX, LOCATED 26 NM SSE OF BELEV, WAS FIRST COVERED ON [REDACTED] THIRTEEN SUBSEQUENT KH MISSIONS HAVE COVERED THIS TARGET. IT IS ONE OF ELEVEN SIMILAR INSTALLATIONS THUS FAR IDENTIFIED IN THE USSR.
2. THE INSTALLATION CONSISTS OF A MAIN SUPPORT AREA, A CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FACILITY, AN OPERATIONS SUPPORT RAIL FACILITY, AND AN OPERATIONS AREA. SIMILARITIES NOTED BETWEEN THIS SITE AND THE COMPLEXES AT BULYZHINO AND NYANDOMA INCLUDE A STEAM PLANT AND TWO VERTICAL CYLINDRICAL POL TANKS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE OPERATIONS SUPPORT RAIL FACILITY. ROADS BRANCHING SE OF THE CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT RAIL FACILITY APPARENTLY WILL SERVE THE OPERATIONS AREA, AS AT CHAADAYEVKA.
3. THIS MISSION REVEALS EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN THE OPERATIONS AREA, WITH 3 BUNKERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. BUNKER 1 IS A GAMMA BUNKER, NEARLY COMPLETED. BUNKER 2 IS A DELTA BUNKER APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT COMPLETE. BUNKER 3 IS A GAMMA BUNKER APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT COMPLETE. PRELIMINARY EXCAVATING FOR BUNKER 4 HAS BEGUN. THE EXCAVATION FOR BUNKER 5 HAS BEEN CUT TO BUNKER CONFIGURATION AND THE FLOOR OF EXCAVATION HAS BEEN LEVELED, BUT THERE IS NO CONSTRUCTION AS YET.

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THE BUNKERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE OF THE SECOND GENERATION. VERTICAL FRAMING MEMBERS FOR A TRAVELING BRIDGE CRANE HAVE BEEN ERECTED, AND TRACK IS BEING LAID INTO THE OPERATIONS SUPPORT RAIL FACILITY. THE HIGH BAY DRIVE-THROUGH BUILDING IS COMPLETE. THE MOTOR POOL CONTAINS 4 IDENTICAL LARGE BUILDINGS AND 1 SMALLER BUILDING, ALL APPARENTLY COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR APPLICATION OF ROOFING MATERIAL. THE MILITARY HOUSING AREA NOW CONTAINS 8 LARGE MULTISTORY BARRACKS, 7 SMALLER TWO-STORY BARRACKS, AND 13 DUPLEX HOUSES. NUMEROUS DUMP TRUCKS AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION-RELATED VEHICLES, SOME IN TRANSIT, APPEAR THROUGHOUT THE COMPLEX.

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